

MAR 05 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT HELP
LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MEET FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY AND
FOOD SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, food safety and food security are immediate and
2 pressing concerns for many Hawaii consumers, producers, farmers,
3 and retailers; and
4

5 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration
6 Food Safety Modernization Act, P.L. 111-353, which requires full
7 compliance with food safety and food security standards by 2013,
8 has created a problem for local agricultural producers and
9 value-added producers; and
10

11 WHEREAS, food safety is critical for Hawaii's survival and
12 security; the burden of importing food is increasing; and there
13 is a need for the State to be self-sustainable; and
14

15 WHEREAS, full compliance with the Food Safety Modernization
16 Act's requirements will allow local agricultural producers and
17 value-added producers to access international and domestic
18 markets, thereby strengthening the agribusiness industry, and
19 help protect children and persons with compromised immune
20 systems from food borne illnesses; and
21

22 WHEREAS, complying with federal food safety standards is
23 critical to agribusiness in Hawaii; and
24

25 WHEREAS, state and federal agencies; produce farmers; and
26 the retail business community, including many non-governmental
27 organizations that deliver pivotal services to the people of
28 Hawaii by providing meals, are concerned and confused about the
29 future of agriculture in Hawaii; and
30

31 WHEREAS, one such organization, the East Hawaii Community
32 Development Corporation, a tax exempt organization under section
33 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is striving to provide
34 short-term and long-term solutions to food safety and food
35 security issues, including research and development on a large



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Director of Human Services.

Posen Rd
 Haven Thel
 The Blue
 Suzanne Chen Oakland
 Pro
 Rosalind Bl
 Oct 12
 Jennifer. Bl
 Will Tyro